

REMARKS

In the Office Action dated November 1, 2004, the Office rejected claims 1-3, 6-16 and 19-25 variously pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103, respectively over various prior art references of record. Still further, claims 4, 5, 17 and 18 have been withdrawn from consideration by means of an earlier election made by the Applicant.

Claims 1, 11, 12, 14, 15, 22 and 25 have been amended by means of the present response. These claims have been amended consistent with an earlier telephone interview conducted with the Examiner of record and which is summarized below.

Telephone Interview December 16, 2004

On the date noted above, the attorney of record George G. Grigel, Reg. No. 31,166 conducted a telephone interview with Examiner Mark Graham to discuss a proposed new claim, and the teachings of the prior art of record. While no agreement was reached regarding allowability of any claims, Examiner Graham indicated that a claim approach similar to what is seen in new Claim 26 would be given favorable consideration upon presentation to the Office, and after further review of the prior art of record as well as the application.

Applicant, by and through their counsel would like to thank Examiner Graham for his courteous cooperation during this interview.

Applicant has amended the specification to provide the antecedent supporting language in the specification for the claims as now amended. MPEP Section 608.04(a) indicates that matter not in the original specification, claims, or drawings is usually new matter.

Applicant is of the view that the additional text as provided for in the specification is not new matter inasmuch as a study of Fig. 1 will reveal that the opposite sides of the frame 30 are located near and in closely spaced relation relative to the club head 21 when it is appropriately oriented in the channel 50 and in perpendicular relation relative to the opposite sides of the frame 30. Because this is seen the drawings, it is the view of the applicant that this amendment of the specification does not constitute new matter, and should therefore be entered of record. Favorable action with respect to the amendment to the specification is courteously solicited.

It is Applicant's view that the prior art of record does not disclose teach or suggest a golf putting training device such as what is claimed. As a general matter, the elongated narrowly rectangular frame provided by the present invention provides many advantages. One of the chief advantages of the frame is that it provides the golfer with a point of reference, that being the opposite sides of the frame such that the golf club head can be oriented in an appropriate fashion (perpendicular to the sides) so as to strike the golf ball through the aperture defined by the bridge. The present device also allows putts of various lengths to be taken, and the golfer can putt in either direction through the aperture defined by the bridge. The references of record do not individually, or severally, teach or suggest a golf putting training device which has these several features.

In view of the foregoing, it is believed that the present invention as identified in the claims is patentably distinct from the prior art of record. Therefore, favorable action with respect to the amended claims is hereby courteously solicited.

Therefore, it would appear that this application is now in condition for allowance and prompt Notice of Allowance of claims 1-3, 6-16, and 19-26 is hereby requested in the Office's next action.

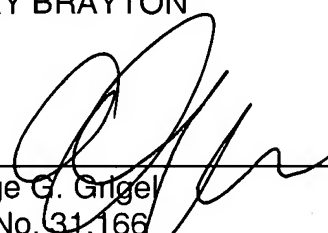
Applicant, by and through their counsel, would request that the Office telephone the attorneys in the event that a further telephone conference could expedite the prompt handling of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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